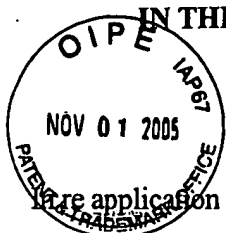


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**METHOD OF DECONTAMINATION  
OF WHOLE STRUCTURES AND  
ARTICLES CONTAMINATED BY  
PATHOGENIC SPORES**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment After Final Under Rule 1.116 is submitted in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated September 2, 2005. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. It is believed the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance on its face.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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30. (Currently Amended) A method of decontaminating a structure contaminated by ~~pathogenic microorganisms~~ Bacillus anthracis comprising the steps of:

(a) substantially sealing a contaminated structure sufficiently to enable retention of a predetermined concentration of methyl bromide gas;

(b) introducing methyl bromide gas into the substantially sealed contaminated structure to a concentration of methyl bromide in an amount sufficient to deactivate said ~~pathogenic microorganisms~~ Bacillus anthracis and disable germination of ~~pathogenic bacteria~~ Bacillus anthracis spores;

(c) maintaining said substantially sealed contaminated structure with said concentration of methyl bromide for a sufficient period of time to deactivate said ~~pathogenic microorganisms~~ Bacillus anthracis and to disable germination of said ~~pathogenic bacteria~~ Bacillus anthracis spores associated with said contaminated structure;

(d) wherein the concentration of methyl bromide gas and period of time are inversely varied while providing a sufficient gas concentration to disable germination of

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